

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Edmondson-Swann ~~District~~ Survey District Inventory Number: B-5107
Address: Bounded by Edmondson Ave., Swann Ave., and Old Frederick Rd. Historic district: ☒ yes ☐ no
City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21229 County: Baltimore City
USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West
Property Owner: various Tax Account ID Number: n/a
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 8/8/2005
Documentation is presented in: Sanborn maps; Maryland state real property tax records
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Edmondson-Swann District is a cluster of commercial and commercialized residential buildings in a triangular area bounded on the north by Edmondson Avenue, on the east by Swann Avenue, and on the southwest by Old Frederick Road. Most of the buildings are one-and-one-half-story frame bungalows, almost all of which are now commercial properties with varying degrees of alterations. All three points of the triangle are occupied by commercial businesses, including two gas stations (one modern, one ca. 1950) and a ca. 1985 convenience store. All but one of the properties front on either Edmondson Avenue or Swann Avenue. Edmondson Ave. has one ca. 1950 two-story apartment house, two bungalows, and one ca. 1950 commercial building. Swann Avenue has two remaining bungalows and one ca. 1962 brick commercial office. Old Frederick Rd. has one freestanding ca. 1950 commercial building and some vacant space.

This triangular area was initially developed with modest single-family Craftsman bungalow-style houses between 1920 and 1930. All of the bungalow houses remaining in the district were constructed in this time period. Following World War II, Edmondson Village Shopping Center was constructed across Edmondson Avenue, followed by a Hecht's department store east of Swann Avenue. As the character of the neighborhood grew more commercial, several bungalows within the Edmondson-Swann triangle were demolished to build new commercial properties or, in one case, a four-unit brick apartment house. A porcelain-panel

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MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Moderne-style gas station was added at the southern point of the triangle in 1950, and a freestanding store on Old Frederick a short distance north. Most of the second-phase buildings were constructed ca. 1950-1962. As time passed, nearly all of the remaining bungalows were converted to commercial use, and a few buildings facing Edmondson Avenue, including the apartments, had their facades drastically modernized. Presently, this triangle has modern businesses, including a BP gas station and a 7-Eleven convenience store, on two of its corners. The remaining bungalows have been heavily modernized with new siding, replacement windows, large advertising signs, and alterations to their front windows and porches. Businesses housed in the bungalows include pizza and Chinese food carryouts and an African hair-braiding salon. Of all the buildings remaining in the district, only the 1950 gas station (Young's Auto Repair) retains most of its integrity. Due to collective lack of both significance and integrity, the Edmondson-Swann District is recommended not eligible for the NRHP.

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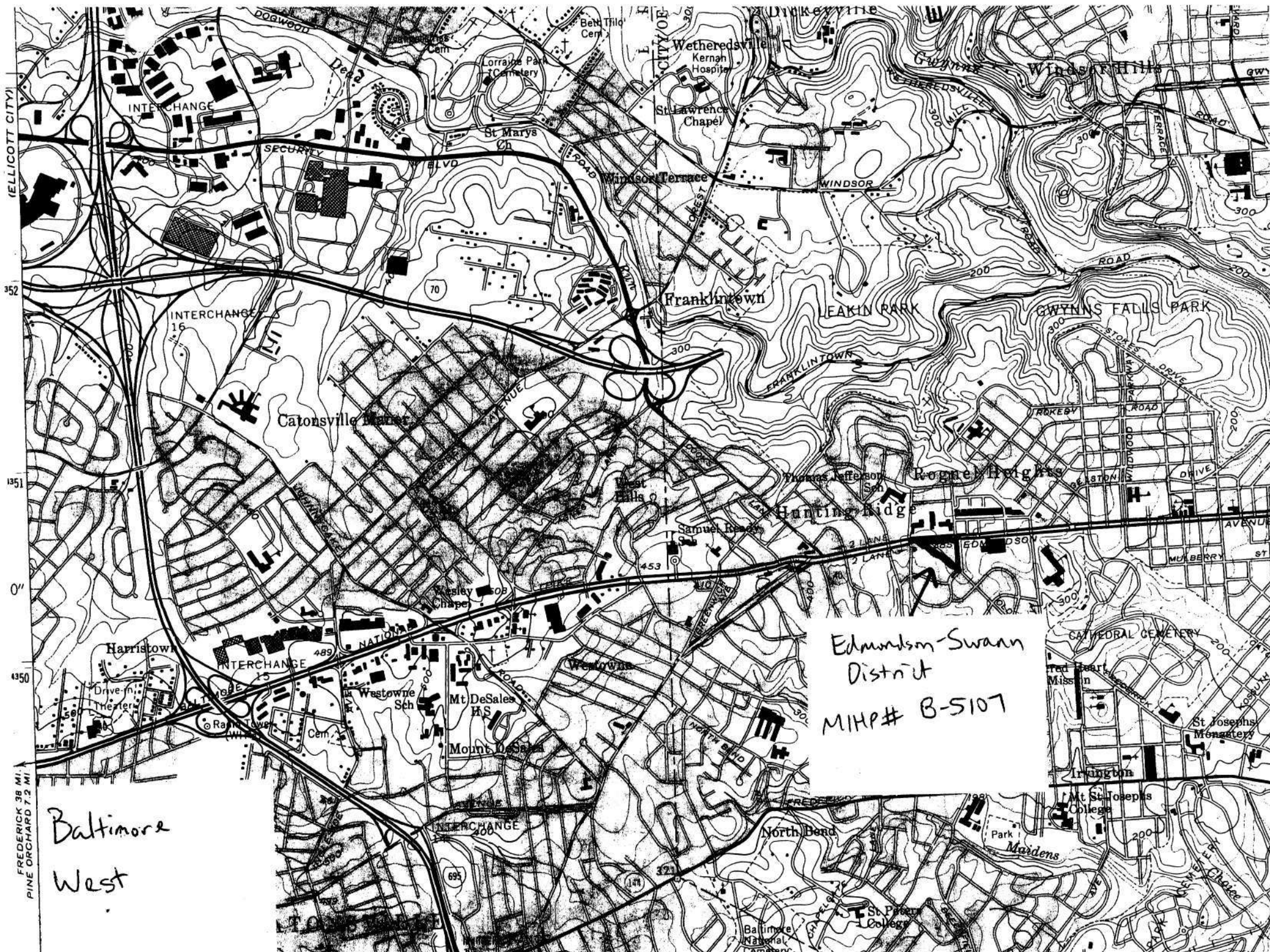
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Intersection of Old Frederick Rd + Swann Ave, Edmondson - Swann Dist.

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